

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 626 – SB 574

February 9, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Human Services, Department of Children’s Services, Department of Health, and the Division of TennCare to actively seek and apply for federal, private, or other available funds, and actively direct available state funds, for the development of recovery programs for residents of this state who are pregnant or are women with children to assist those residents by providing substance use disorder treatment and wrap-around services to support life skills development in out-patient treatment facilities, in residential facilities, or through home visitation programs.

Requires the departments to coordinate wrap-around services that would assist the residents and to annually report by February 15 of each year to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Speaker of the Senate on any funds an entity applied for, any recommendations for changes to statutes or rules to develop recovery programs, and any benefits realized from any recovery programs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The extent of federal, private, or other funds available to the state is unknown. The availability of any state funds for such program is unknown; however, any funding received or directed will be expended to develop the proposed recovery programs. The timing of any available funds and subsequent expenditures for the programs is unknown.

Assumptions:

- The departments will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to seek and apply for federal, private, or other available funding to develop recovery programs for pregnant women and women with children.
- For the purpose of this analysis, it is assumed at least one of the departments will receive a grant.
- The number of pregnant women and women with children who would participate in any recovery programs are unknown.
- Based on research of states who have been awarded similar grants for the purpose of developing treatment programs for pregnant women and women with children, it is estimated a one-time grant of at least \$1,100,000 would be required.
- Should any state funds come available, the departments are encouraged to direct such funds to develop recovery programs for pregnant women and women with children.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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